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At Morning.

'Tis peace of morning twilight;
Before me lies a day,
Begun a cloudless beauty,
Along a peaceful way.
So fair a gift the Father
Hath given unto me;
So pure a gift, I tremble
Lest it should sullied be.

As past its rosy portals
My feet may onward go
What it shall bring ere nightfall
I'm glad I do not know,
If sorrow or if singing
Shall speed or stay the hours;
If frowns shall chill, or smiling
Bring cheer like Maytime flowers.

What fierce and unwon battles
My soul shall wage alone,
If those I love the dearest
At eventide be gone!
If ere the sunset curtains
With glory all the West,
I hear the waited summons
From out the land of rest,
Or if I yet shall linger
In this dear world, so fair,
I ask not; but that peace like this
May wait me here or there!

MR. STRATTON'S IDEAL.

By M. E. W.

CHAPTER I.

Mr. Stratton was five-feet-three; so, of course, his ideal was five-feet-eleven. 'Twas ever thus! Why will short men adore tall women?

Eleanor Mildmay always saw the bald spot on the top of Mr. Stratton's head; it did not admit of any illusion.

Eleanor was a graceful giantess, with a small waist, perfect figure, a lovely face; and yet she resented gravely the fact that every one called her a "fine-looking woman." She had once heard a coarse man call her "strapping."

She wanted to be made love to by some man who would look down on her, who would consider her a creature to be protected, and *not*—oh! *not* by Mr. Stratton, who looked up, and whom she could have worn on her watch-chain.

It looked a desperate case for Eleanor, for Mr. Stratton was very rich, had aristocratic connections in Canada and in England, and Mrs. Mildmay, poor woman, was impecunious and worldly. She wanted her brilliant daughter to "marry well."

What mamma does not?

Eleanor was exceedingly robust, and her red cheeks could not grow pale, as she wished. Her dream of becoming an invalid seemed far, far off.

Now, her intimate friend, Susan Jones, was a stunted, pale, delicate-looking little bit of a girl, and deeply in love with Mr. Stratton. Eleanor envied her everything but this infatuation.

Susan could always buy "ready-made" things; she could get in and out of any kind of a carriage without the least crowding; she could be packed away anywhere.

Now, Eleanor always knocked her head against everything; was always a trifle too long for the seat in the theater; had to have everything cut and made for her, and was *just* too large for the pattern which Society has marked out for woman.

Susan adored Eleanor next to Mr. Stratton, and that made it uncomfortable, too—for Eleanor.

"Oh, you *are* so splendid!" Susan would say, looking up as if at a light-house. "And so *big!*" she would impetuously add. Poor Susan!

The only ready-made thing which Susan could not buy was *Mr. Stratton.* To see them together, one would say that they were born for each other; but, then, Mr. Stratton disagreed with the world on this point.

But, however, Susan Jones may have looked, she had a heart of gold, and she was to prove it.

There came a day when Eleanor had an admirer of a different calibre from Mr. Stratton.

Who but Sir Hartley Davenport—the young and handsome baronet—who, but the giant young baronet, six feet and six inches high! It did seem to the casual observer that this man had been made for this woman! They met at Niagara, whither Eleanor and Susan Jones had gone with their mothers, and Mr. Stratton—poor little man!—had meekly followed along; so it seemed, by accident.

Sir Hartley Davenport came down from Canada with a viceregal party, quite the most splendid *attache* that ever stood in waiting. He looked at Eleanor as she entered that long dining-room, on the American side, and he really blushed with pleasure under his natural red, for he believed, like most conceited male birds, that he had found his real mate.

It did not take long for Sir Hartley to bring about an introduction with the handsome, tall, American girl. First the Governor-general had asked to be introduced to Mrs. Mildmay, then he presented his young aides—and then—it all went very easily.

And while these two splendid creatures went off together, to look at their rival wonder of nature, Niagara, Mr. Stratton took melancholy walks with Susan Jones, and the two seemed like very foreshortened shadows of their brilliant companions.

There was a great deal of moonlight flirtation, and wandering on that dangerous Goat Island, and Mrs. Mildmay spoke to the Governor-general about it.

"Don't you think Sir Hartley is too rash!" said she, "about the matter—I mean——"

"Oh, my dear madam," said he, laughing, like the hearty Irishman that he was, "they would stick up out of the water; don't you see—they are *so tall*, there is not water enough to drown them, even in Niagara."

But alas!—there was.

It was down by the American Falls that it happened—that dangerous stairway, and it was moonlight—deceptive, dangerous moonlight. No one ever knew how it happened, but there was a loud shriek, and a white dress floated off on that terrible—terrible maelstrom.

It was little Stratton who saved her. It was that ceaseless, quiet, unobtrusive love which followed her; it was the little man, and not the big man, who was the hero there, as he always was, then and afterward.

No one knew anything except that Stratton, by some miracle, was enabled to catch Eleanor, and to swim, or float, or struggle, until he caught hold of the American stair. Both were very much injured, and both had been carried back to the hotel insensible. And those who took up the two found Stratton's arm so tight around Eleanor's slender waist that it was difficult to release her from that passionate, loving grasp.

It was Susan Jones who sat by Mr. Stratton's bedside while he was convalescing.

"How is she?" was his first question.

"She—she is all right," said poor little Susan Jones, wiping the dew off Mr. Stratton's pale, high brow.

"I suppose she is engaged to that—that fish-pole, isn't she?" said Mr. Stratton.

"I—I don't know," said Susan; he has gone back to—to Canada. Mrs. Mildmay thinks that they have behaved rather queerly."

"Gone back!" said Mr. Stratton, wildly—"gone back, while Eleanor Mildmay hangs between life and death—miserable man!"

"You are too excited; you will get fever," said Susan Jones, feebly.

"No, I shall not get fever," said Mr. Stratton. "Miss Jones, you are an excellent and dear friend, but——"

"But I am not Eleanor," said poor Susan, weeping.

"No, you are *not*, Miss Jones," said Mr. Stratton, emphatically; "but that was not what I was going to say. If you will withdraw I think I can get up; I am not at all ill, I assure you."

Poor Susan Jones! It seemed to her that she was always in the way.

CHAPTER II.

When the month of October had come, Eleanor Mildmay, pale and resolute, had just begun to determine to live. The shock had been a fearful one, and the long heartbreak after!—for Sir Hartley Davenport had mode no sign.

That three weeks which preceded her fall into the Niagara River had been full of unspoken devotion and apparent love on his part, and Eleanor had found her *ideal.* After that evening, when alas! *he* had not saved her, but only poor, despised Stratton—how that galled her!—he had never written or spoken, and the girl's heart was breaking.

Where now was her once too-hated color, the unrivalled strength, the glorious health, the overplus of happiness?

Every post-time was her torture, every ring at the bell gave her an anguish at the heart. Why—why had she fallen into the water that lovely evening, when *he* had been talking such love and nonsense, and she had been so wildly happy, or, if she fell in, why did they not leave her there? Why, why had he left her so unkindly, Sir Hartley—why had he not written? A ring at the door. She started up and pressed her hand on her heart. Could it be Sir Hartley?

"Eleanor, dear, *Mr. Stratton* desires to see you."

"Oh, mamma!" said the disappointed girl, "I cannot—I cannot—see him!"

"You must, dearest—you must! Remember he saved your life," said her mother.

Eleanor rose up to her full height, and drew down the belt which confined her now too slender waist; she put her hands up to her hair. It was an old movement of hers, and her mother watched her with painful anxiety.

"Eleanor, dear, remember all his devotion."

The girl staggered, rather than walked, to the parlor.

Mr. Stratton rose to receive her, and extended both his hands.

How could the affectionate soul resist a groan as he saw her?

"Oh, dear Miss Eleanor!" said he, gently, "how you have suffered!"

"Oh, Mr. Stratton," said she, weeping, "why—why, did you save my life? To have died then would have been so sweet."

That was all poor Stratton got.

CHAPTER III.

Every one in Dicksonville knew that Mr. Stratton had gone to Canada. The bank knew it, for Mr. Stratton was the president; the railroad knew it, for Mr. Stratton was the largest owner of stock and the principal director; the mills knew it, for he owned them, and Susan Jones knew it, for she loved him.

The old housekeeper, who kept his handsome house for him, knew it, and repelled it, for the little man was very dear to all who came near him. Everybody loved him, but one tall girl, for whom he would have given all his property, consequence, railway stocks, United States sixes, houses, mills, flesh and blood. "'Twas ever thus!"

The interview was a strange one between Mr. Stratton and the Governor-general, and somehow the latter never spoke of it without a tear in his bright eye.

"You see," said the Governor-general, "Hartley Davenport had not a shilling in the world, and he must marry money. His mother sent him out to me—she is the proudest woman in England—and when I found out, as I was bound to do, that Miss Mildmay was as poor as he, why—why, of course, I thought—that—— Well, I told Hartley that it would not do, you know, and some one whispered that *you* were half-engaged to the girl, you know, and——"

"*He really loved her, then?*" said Mr. Stratton.

"Oh, he is half crazy about her! But I would not permit any more philandering, and I took him off."

"But," said Mr. Stratton, "Miss Mildmay is a young lady of large fortune. I have come to assure your Excellency of that." And he laid a package before the Governor-general, who glanced rapidly over its very valuable contents. "I would like, however, that the matter should appear in the shape of a legacy to Sir Hartley. Could you not manage that?" asked Mr. Stratton, modestly.

The Governor-general got up and grasped Mr. Stratton's hand.

"My dear sir," said he, "you are right out of a play. You are too good for reality. You are a dream, Mr. Stratton—you are a dream!"

But he shook the Dream by the hand, and invited the Dream to dinner, which is the way England expects every man to do his duty.

CHAPTER IV.

One day the bell rang for the right man, and the color came back to Eleanor's cheek. It did not take Sir Hartley long to make the matter right.

The marriage was a splendid one in every respect, but that necessary little outfit, which Mr. Stratton had provided. And he had managed it so delicately that Eleanor never knew of it at all.

The gigantic young pair went off grandly in one of Mr. Stratton's carriages, which was all dressed up with white flowers.

"There goes his ideal," said Susan Jones to herself, watching his pale face, as Mr. Stratton threw a slipper after the carriage.

"There goes my ideal!" said he, echoing her thought; and, turning to her as she stood by his side, he said, "Miss Jones, you have a heart of gold. Come, take a walk by the river with me."

Susan was very tremulous and pale, but she looked unusually pretty, and ladylike in her white bridesmaid dress, and Gainsborough hat. She had some fresh bridesmaid's tears on her delicate cheek, and a few fell on her lily-of-the-valley bouquet.

"Miss Jones," said Mr. Stratton, "how few of us marry our ideals!"

"Ah, how few!" said Susan. "I am sure *I* never shall!"

"Well, now, have *you* an ideal?" asked Mr. Stratton, looking at her curiously, as if she was scarcely large enough to contain one.

"Yes!" said Susan, "I have always had one!"

"How strange!" said Mr. Stratton. "Might I ask if he was six-feet-six?"

"*No!*" said Susan, "rather short of stature, but a hero as to his soul!"

And she looked up deprecatingly at Mr. Stratton, and then it all burst upon him.

"Susan—may I offer you the half of a very poor, mistaken heart, and the devotion of a lifetime?" asked Mr. Stratton.

"If I can replace your ideal?" said Susan.

They walked home arm-in-arm.

A Dinner at Samaria.

Lieutenant Conder, while engaged in surveying Palestine, pitched on one occasion his camp beside a beautiful fountain in Samaria. While there the head of a wealthy native family, named Jeba, invited him and a friend to dinner. "We found the sheik's reception-room," he says, "well built and new; the upper floor had a raised dais carpeted and furnished with pillows, and on this we were requested to sit.

"The host, dressed in a long white robe, now appeared, and removing his slippers, stepped upon the dais, where he tapped his breast, lips and head, and frequently repeated,—

"How is your health? How is your excellency?"

"Water was then poured over their hands from a brass ewer; and the requirements of etiquette being thus fulfilled, dinner was immediately served. It consisted of twelve dishes, of which the first were lentils, tomatoes and vegetable marrows stuffed with rice.

"Then came *leben*, bowls of sour thickened milk, followed by three huge dishes of rice and meat; and lastly the crowning glory of the feast, what the visitors supposed to be a kid dressed whole. It was exquisitely tender and juicy, and they ate of it with much appetite, little suspecting that it was, what it afterwards turned out to be, their own pet gazelle.

"No water was placed on the board; but a slave stood near with a huge green goblet, from which each guest drank in succession, each man as he put the water to his lips turning to his next neighbor and saying,—

"'Digestion;' whereupon the other immediately rejoined,—

"'The Lord increase your digestion.' A pious prayer not altogether uncalled for under the circumstances. Pipes and coffee concluded the feast."

A Swedish professor says that the world was over 10,000,000 years in forming, and another 10,000,000 in developing. That's going to a heap of trouble for such a world as this.

FOR THE FAIR SEX.

Riding Habits.

Ladies' riding habits have undergone quite a change both in make and color. Unlike other articles of feminine attire, until recently very little alteration has been made in them for years. Now, however, there are several important changes. A tall silk hat is no longer an indispensable part of the riding dress. The most comfortable and by far the most becoming hats being of a round form, matching in color the habit worn with it, and trimmed simply with a broad ostrich plume which wreathes the crown and droops very low in the back, sometimes reaching the shoulder. The most fashionable habits are made in myrtle or bottle green, dark marine blue, claret or seal brown. They are made extremely short, so short indeed for elegance, a liberal display of the feet being frequent but by no means desirable. Of course this fashion is copied after the style of the English hunting dresses, where, amid the bushes and brambles of English hunting grounds, a long dress may be dangerous, but in our parks and along our public drives so much curtailment is not necessary, and is much less elegant, though perhaps safer, than the sweeping length of riding habits formerly worn. Trimmings are not admissable, and some of the habits most severe in style are cut narrow and closely-fitting so much so that it is sometimes necessary to button the skirt after the wearer has mounted her saddle, a double row of bone buttons being placed down the skirt, which fastens at the side. The back part of the skirt is different from that which covers the knees, this being necessary in order to give sufficient fulness for the skirt to go over the pommel easily. A plain Byron collar of white linen is worn with a small knot of flowers fastened at the throat, and the lady frequently tucks her handkerchief in the bosom of her dress showing at least a corner of it, thus doing away with the necessity of searching for it in an out of the way pocket. Handkerchiefs with borders of contrasting colors are chosen in preference to white for horse exercise. The bodices of the handsomest imported habits are most elegant in fit and finish, and are fastened up the front with extremely handsome buttons of silver or cut steel.—*New York Post.*

Hints About Autumn Dresses.

Short dresses will continue in vogue for nearly all occasions, and that there will be no very decided changes in the next season's dresses. Pleated skirts will display stripes advantageously, and pleated flounces will be retained on account of stripes, though gathered flounces are suggested for soft satin stuffs, moires, and woollens. Basques of watered silk are being made for skirts of plain satin Surah that are trimmed with moire. This fashion was introduced by the Princess of Wales during the summer, in a dress with white moire corsage and skirts of tulle. Short overskirts with bouffant draperies are shown in the designs for new costumes. Corselets or wide girdles of moire or of velvet are worn over soft wool basques that may be either plain or pleated. Moire collars of Byron shape and flat cuffs to match are a neat finish for camel's-hair and cashmere dresses. This moire may be shaded, or else changeable, and is used in the lower skirt, while the overskirt is of the woollen goods. Florentine bronze shades of mixed green and gold, mort dore (golden brown) and dull red will be popular colors for wool and for silk costumes. Satin Surahs and Rhadzimir silks with satin lustre are largely imported for black dresses. Plushes and velvets are chosen for trimmings of wool and of satins stuffs. For overgarments there are long cloaks not adjusted to the figure, and also close-fitting jaunty jackets. The rich satin brocades in new designs of chains, linked rings, plush diamonds, and velvet figures will be used for elegant wraps. A great deal of color will, it is said, be seen in the imported cloaks, but black will remain the standard choice for garments to be worn in the street during the day, while colored wraps will be reserved for driving, for receptions, and for evening toilettes. The beauty of the black mantles will consist of rich linings of plush, and of moires, and changeable Surahs.—*Harper's Bazaar.*

A Small Heroine.

Children four years old are not, as a rule, competent to be left alone with "the baby." Is there one in a thousand of such wee nurses that could have done as well as the little Dakota girl did? It is a story of the Western floods, told in the Cincinnati *Commercial:*

She was a little girl only four years old, and was left alone with a baby a year old while the mother went out for a day's work. While the good old auntie was busy over soapsuds, she heard some boys shouting,—

"The Dakota is out of its banks!"

She started bareheaded toward her dwelling, and saw the water whirling around it five or six feet deep. The poor old woman was frantic, and a member of the life-saving crew took her in and ferried her to the door.

There was not a sound; the poor little ones must have drowned. The mother's cries brought a curly head to the window.

"Here we is, mammy; I fetched sissy up in the loft, 'cause there is water down there."

Then the baby was lifted up by the small arms to see mammy, and in a few minutes both the little folks were enjoying their first ride in a boat.

THE ATLANTA EXPOSITION.

Some of the Prizes that are to be Competed for—a few Statistics.

An Atlanta (Ga.) correspondent, writing about the exposition to be held in that city, says:

Cash prizes aggregating about $20,000 are offered to competitors in several departments, principally in those relating to cotton, cotton machinery, agriculture, live stock and minerals and woods. In all other departments and groups written awards of merit will be given by the juries to the most deserving exhibitors. The series of special weekly exhibitions, which is made a feature of this fair, will be held in the following order: First, the horticultural show, which will open Tuesday, October 25, and close Saturday, October 29; cattle and mules will have the first week in November; sheep and swine be second; a bench show will occupy the third week; poultry and fur-bearing pets the fourth. The last of these special weekly exhibitions will open on Tuesday, December 3, and close on the following Saturday. It will be a display of dairy products.

The grand prize of the Exposition is $1,000, for the best bale of cotton other than long staple. It is stipulated that the bale which earns that prize shall become the property of the Exposition. The cotton planters in every State are also invited to compete with each other for prizes of $100, which will be awarded for the best bale other than long staple from the State in which the exhibitor is located. The aggregate prizes offered for competitive tests of cotton production amount to $2,000. These are to be given to the planters of the half-acre plats adjoining Oglethorpe Park, the awards to be made to those showing the highest percentage of net profit and greatest actual profit.

The most valuable prize in the Agricultural Department is one of $500, to be given to that society or other body which shall contribute for exhibition the best and most complete display of agricultural products. A prize of $200 is offered for the best similar display made from any State of the products grown within its borders.

In the Department of Cotton Machinery a grand prize of $500, or a piece of plate of that value, is offered for the most valuable new improvement for preparing or manufacturing cotton. Another of $200 is offered for the best arrangement for receiving seed cotton, keeping it clean and separate, carrying it through the process of cleaning, and for the separate delivery of the seed to the owner as he may desire it. Another of the same value will be awarded for the best practical invention for preparing for ginning storm-beaten cotton to which large fragments of boll and stalk have adhered.

As this letter has dealt somewhat with figures, a few more will not be out of place. The main building contains 1,200,000 feet of lumber. In its sides are 206 large windows, and as many more in the monitor on its roof. There are 1,050 feet of the main shafting, the center of which is sixteen feet above the floor.

Growth of the Opium Habit.

The growth of the "opium habit" in this country is strikingly presented by an article in a September magazine. The number of opium eaters in the United States is estimated at 250,000, fully four-fifths of whom are women. The increase in the use of the drug in the City of Albany, N. Y., is a fair sample of the spread of the habit. Twenty-five years ago, with a population of 57,000, the annual sales of opium in Albany amounted only to 350 pounds and 375 ounces of morphia. Now, with a population of 91,000, 3,500 pounds of opium and 5,500 ounces of morphia are sold annually in that city. It is true that much of these drugs is sold for medicinal use, but the suggestive fact remains that the increase in the population of Albany has been but .59, while the increase in the sale of opium has been 900 per cent. and of morphia 1,100 per cent. One of the druggists of Albany is quoted as saying that, where twenty-five years ago he made laudanum by the gallon, he now prepares it by the barrel. Unfortunately, what is true of Albany in this respect seems to be true of the rest of the country, and there is force in the writer's suggestion that it is time to regulate and limit the sales of opium by legislative enactment. "Let it alone," and he fears that "opium may, ere many years, be used as extensively in America as in China."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

True virtue is like precious odors—sweeter the more incensed and crushed.

Women cherish fashion because it rejuvenates them, or at least renews them.

Many a man who thinks himself a great gun is nothing more than a big bore.

Suspicions among thoughts are like bats among birds; they ever fly by twilight.

Little do we care for the speech of people if conscience will not whisper approval.

What renders the vanity of others unbearable to us is the wound it inflicts on ours.

Seeing much, and suffering much and studying much, are the three pillars of learning.

Use your prosperity with so much caution and prudence as may not suffer you to forget yourself or despise your inferior, and consider, while you enjoy much, how little you deserve.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The standing armies of Europe number over 2,100,000 men.

Within the last ten years 1,300,000 Italians have emigrated to foreign parts.

In 1764, England had over 20,000 Negro slaves, and they wore collars like dog-collars.

Jute and other fibers were exported to this country from Mexico last year to the value of $1,324,075.

A man on the Pacific slope is said to have spent four weeks in writing 6,571 words on a postal card so that they can be read with the naked eye.

California raises great quantities of mustard seed, but cannot succeed in refining it, so the bulk goes to England and returns as Durham mustard.

The German postoffices prevent the fraudulent use of postage stamps by employing stamps whose colors fade out under the application of water.

The guanaco of Patagonia is described as having the head of a camel, the body of a deer, wool of a sheep and neigh of a horse.

By means of a French patent process, an excellent substitute for coffee is made out of dates. It is said to taste so much like the genuine article, that only by analysis can the difference be detected.

Population to the square mile of European countries: Belgium, 469; England and Wales, 389; Italy, 288; Germany, 201; Holland, 185; France, 180; Switzerland, 175; Austria, 175; Ireland, 169.

Scented camellias have been produced by an Italian gardener, who has been engaged on the experiment for years past. Only those flowers of a pale rose hue possess this perfume, the white flowers remaining perfectly scentless.

Mexican Ideas of Dancing.

The orchestra who was a jolly dog of a fiddler, so full of frolic and excitement that every now and then in sheer exhuberance of spirits he gave a whoop of joy that could be heard half a mile, struck up a lively tune about nine o'clock, and then the performance got under way. At this stage of proceedings, and between the dances the evening through, the grouping of the company suggested a Quaker meeting. Around the wall, on the row of benches, everybody sat who could find a seat; the men at one end of the room, the women at the other—the young women very jealously watched by their mothers, and allowed to speak to the men only when asked to dance. A highly un-Quakerlike characteristic of our guests was the way in which they smoked. Men and women, everybody but the very young girls and the seven babies, puffed away at cigarritas made with corn-husk wrappers or at atrociously bad cigars. Even while dancing the men smoked. Between the tobacco smoke, the fumes from the tallow candles, the dust and damp from the floor and the vitiation of the air by being breathed over and over again, the atmosphere was terrific. It was thick enough to cut in slices with a knife, foul enough to poison a goat or a cow. But the Mexicans did not mind it. Even the seven babies slumbered placidly in their mothers' laps the whole night long, waking up only now and then to be fed. The only ventilation was through the low door, usually crowded with men, and through a broken pane in the single window. It was a Mexican version of the black hole of Calcutta. After the first hour I watched what was going on through the window; puffs of foul air would come through the broken pane that almost knocked me down. And in this fiery furnace our guests danced, and danced with a hearty good will. There was no grace about their dancing—it was heavy and labored, performed with solemn countenances and with the air of those who discharge a duty. The dances were all in figures, broken by waltz or polka steps—something like polka quadrilles. The couples caught each other by shoulders and elbows and danced far apart; and while they danced there was no talk between them. There was a funeral solemnity about their fun that was positively painful. Had they only howled a little they might have passed for howling dervishes engaged in religious rites; but they didn't. Nobody howled but that merry scamp of a fiddler. The only sound beside the fall of the heavy feet, the rustle of the whirling bodies and the "thud" of collisions was that of coughing. Even Mexican lungs could not stand that atmosphere without coughing in it pretty much all the time. For people who really were enjoying themselves and they really were, a more dismal lot than these I never saw.—*Correspondence Philadelphia Times.*

Fidelity.

Never forsake a friend. When enemies gather around, when sickness falls on the heart, when the world is dark and cheerless—is the time to try true friendship. They who turn from the scene of distress betray their hypocrisy and prove that interest only moves them. If you have a friend who loves you—who has studied your interest and happiness—be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his former kindness is appreciated, and that his love was not thrown away. Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists—in the heart. They only deny its worth and power who have never loved a friend, or labored to make one happy. The good and the affectionate and the virtuous feel the heavenly princi-

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscriptions have expired, and unless they promptly renew the paper will be discontinued to their address.

The colored Press Association met at Chicago this week, F. L Barnett of the *Conservator* was elected president. Its next session will be in this city in June 1882.

Prof. R. T. Greener in his speech at Frederick, Md., gave his hearers the right kind of advice. This is just what is needed and the doses should be administered regularly and faithfully, We are a sick people.

And now it is stated that Hon. George W. Williams has departed for parts unknown, leaving behind him numerous creditors and a sorrow stricken family. "The narrow path leadeth to life, but the broad road goeth speedily to destruction."

The report of the irregularities of Lieut. Flipper is very annoying to his friends. If the latest accounts prove true, his career as an officer ends in disgrace. The same discretion which he showed at West Point seems to have left him and made him an easy victim to the temptations of army life.

The anxiety which at the date of our last issue, prevailed as to the condition of the President has now changed to despair, so that his death might be expected at any hour, before this edition is mailed to subscribers. Against this is the faintest hope. But the foundation for it has not yet appeared. The nation is bowed down in sorrow. Yet the nation still lives.

SOME EXCURSIONS.

It is in order for some one to inquire for what purpose do the churcher and other organizations give these expensive railroad or steamship excursions which come off every year. It is the generally accepted belief that they are given for the benefit of the church or organizations; but this certainly must be a mistake. for in four cases out of five the charter party is heavily in debt when the balance sheet is struck.

As there are exceptions to all rules so the exception proves the rule in this case. This year one excursion has been given to Norfolk and three to Richmond, Va., the first by the Washington Cadets, the second by the Fifth Baptist Church, the third by the Fourth Baptist Church of this city and the Baptist Church of Fall's Church. Let us briefly review these from a financial standpoint.

As we said at the time, the excursion to Norfolk was not made as a business venture, for it was not conducted on business principles. The managers were forbidden to advertise, because of an agreement declared to exist between the rival railroad owners, not to allow advertising except when the excursions were given by incorporated parties. But the sequel shows that this was a pretext, for excursions have subsequently been given to Norfolk and advertisements inserted in the daily papers, the parties not being incorporated, and being white. The non-advertising dodge was resorted to to prevent, as much as possible, *white* organizations from knowing that the steamboats were chartered by colored excursionists. In fact, had it not been on account of a pledge previously made by one of the Tners to Mr. J. H. Smith, the Nor. House folk excursion would not have been given at all.

It is not clear that the amount charged by the owners, $450, was the same as that charged white porties—especially when these can afford to put the excursion rates as low as $1.50 round trip as that of the Excelsior Tent A. O. R. who give an excursion to Yorktown and Fortress Monroe to night.

In the case of the excursions to Richmond, the usual charter price is $500. for a locomotive, a baggage car and one coach, and $20 additional for each coach. Now our readers can figure out for themselves how large an excursion must be in order to reach the minimum of expense. The Cadets took seven coaches, (the company and band going free), and lost over $150.

Rev. Brooks took eighteen coaches and cleared about $600, although he had with him more than a thousand persons; but he paid the railroad more than twice the amount cleared. This shows that while the amount netted is quite a consideration, it was obtained at great expense. To obtain *seventy-five cents* for the *church* the members must pay out *two dollars and twenty five cents*, so while the church is *seventy five cents* in, *one dollar* and a *half* is given away to the railroads without any permanent return whatever. Is not this paying a little *too much* for the whistle?

Take Rev. Johnson's excursion given last Saturday. We have not the official figures, so we give a most liberal estimate. There were eight coaches—say they were filled with adults, we would have four hundred and eighty excursionists, which at $2.25 would make $1080. $640. for the railroad $30 for printing and advertising would make total expenses $670; net amount for the churches $410.—a big sum; but considerably less than the amount paid out for which there is no preceptible return.

To day a colored Catholic excursion is to be given to Richmond. From the fact that the monument to the memory of Father Barrotti is to be dedicated to-morrow, which will take the most of his congregation, we opine that this excursion will not surpass its predecessors, and in a financial point of view will fall short of those given by Revs. Brooks and Johnson.

It is thus seen that these excursionists are not financially successful *except* at the aggregate loss of *hundreds of dollars* to the community of colored people here.

The public will hardly believe the sacrifices many make for $2.25, to go to Richmond on these excursions. A case came under our own observation where a woman was begging a shirt for her husband to wear on one of these excursions, although the price of a ticket could have purchased him three or four unlaundried ones.

In one of the excursions given this summer we know of a party who *borrowed* money *to buy groceries*, and spent several dollars to buy a new dress to go to Richmond, because the duty of going was impressed upon the congregation from the pulpit.

Let the preachers imbue their congregations with a higher spirit of Christianity; and let them be taught to give for the church because of its high and holy mission.

When Christ was on earth he drove the money changers from the temple, because they desecrated it; if He were here in Washington to day what would he do with pastors who give Sunday excursions?

FAMILIAR TALKS ON SCIENCE.

Rev. G. Frederick Wright.

No. XXV.

SILICON AND ALUMINUM.

Pure silicon is not now found in nature, being known only as it is made in the crucible of the chemist. When thus produced it is slightly heavier than water, and melts at a temperature a little below the fusing point of steel, and burns brilliantly in an atmosphere of oxygen.

Silicon and oxygen in chemical combination form silica, which is oxide of silicon. In the pure form all are familiar with silica under the name of *quartz*, either in crystals or in the pebbles and sand lying upon the shores of the ocean or on the banks of lakes and rivers. Quartz is harder than glass, and scratches it like the diamond. The abundance of pebbles of this material is accounted for by its hardness. In the rubbing of stones together through the action of moving water the softer parts were off fastest, and are washed away as fine sand or clay, leaving great accumulations of quartz.

Silica appears in a great variety of forms and colors, the color being given by a slight admixture of other elements. Among the best known varieties may be mentioned the precious stones, amethyst, chalcedony, agate, onyx, and jasper. Flint is also a species of silica. Sandstones is nothing but small particles of quartz which have been made into a solid mass by some cementing material.

Silica is called an acid, and enters into union with many other elements. Uniting with aluminum, it forms clay; while feldspar, the garnet, the topaz, and mica are also largely composed of these two substances in chemical combination.

Aluminum by itself is a white metal, being only about one third as heavy as iron, and owing to its combined lightness and strength, together with its resistance to tarnishing agencies, is sometimes made to take the place of wood and iron or silver in the construction of valuable instruments like those used by surveyors. In its various combinations, aluminum is very abundant, forming about one twelfth of the solid crust of the earth.

Upon investigation it will be found that oxygen, silicon, and aluminum make up the larger part of the solid earth. Sandstones and sandy soils are nearly pure mixtures of the first two elements (silica) Clay is a silicate of aluminum, in the proportion of two thirds silica to one third aluminum. Slate rocks have been formed from clay. Silica and alumna are also the chief constituents in granite,—this being composed of quartz (pure silica), feldspar (silicate of alumiuum and potassium), and mica (which is about one half silica and one third alumina). Granite shades off all imperceptibly into a variety of kindred rocks, according as one minor element or another varies in the proportions present. When the silica largely predominates, and the stone is compact, it would be called by some a quartzite. When the place of mica is supplied by hornblende (a compact, dark-colored silicate of magnesium) the rock is called sienite. This is the kind of granite most in use for building purposes. If the crystals of granite are arranged in layers (stratified) the rock is called gneiss.

Thus it appears that, with the exception of lime-stones, the predominating element in nearly all the rocks, and the soil (which is little else than pulverized rock) is this compound silicon, aluminum and oxygen; and that the earth itself is pretty largely composed of *cinders* formed from the burning of silicon in an atmosphere of oxygen, with a slight admixture of aluminum and a few other elements. In this conflagration an immense amount of heat must have been developed in ages past, the earth itself having evidently been through somewhat the same stages as that existing in the sun at the present time. It has taken a long while, and consumed an immense amount of energy, to prepare a solid foundation for the support of living organizations and for the development of human history.

HAREBELLS.

BY POTOMAC.

"There is no tree that rears its crest,
No fern or flower that clears the sod,
No bird that sings above its nest,
But tries to speak the name of God,
And dies when he has done his best."

A tap on the door, so modest that it raises no suspicions of knuckles and wins no attention whatever from the new lodger. A louder tap, and Hayden Baxter looks up from the grave volume he has in hand, saying "come in!"

Joel Barth did not hesitate.

"Hellos, old fellow! Jack has climbed the beanstalk and found the giant. I declare! you look like women folks," as he glanced around the small apartment.

A matron odd expression, but tasteful withal, lay before a table of varnished pine, behind which in a camp chair sat the student. A cotbed merely suggested itself in one corner, and a blue pitcher in a pink washbowl stood on a box near by, but the box disguised by a square of plaided goods. The window was large and its panes shown crystal clear. A white curtain arrested in its downward sweeps was drawn to one side by loops of ribbon.

Mr. Baxter rose and offered his chair to his guest.

"Of course I look like women folks, why shouldn't I when your good mother has made the chamber shining and spotless from floor to ceiling, and Dossy draped my window, and even Baby Tom has contributed to my pleasure, nodding toward a glass of buttercups and red clover blooms.

"Bless me! that is Comfort's best shoulder shawl on your washstand. Your adoption papers are made out this time and no mistake. You old hero, welcome home! and now I must go away to inspect my own sanctum—adieu" and the merry clerk vanished.

The "giant" stood for some moments where "Jack" had left him, in the exact center of his room, a pleased smile hovering about his lips. "Hercules" and "Æsop" these two friends were dubbed by their friends and acquaintances.

Hayden Baxter was a theological student at Howard. His father and Mrs. Barth had been friends from childhood up through maturer years, and when he and Mrs. Baxter died, Mrs. Barth took the orphan into her own family where he remained until the close of the war, then wandered South again but only to find himself almost unknown and unknowing in his native town; so great had been the change during those fury years. After a time he returned to Washington, entering the University with its second year, surmounting with an iron will a multitude of obstacles. In years he was no longer a boy but advancing towards that grand ripening age,—life's prime.

Comfort Barth having gone to Hampton to spend in that widely known Institute the present winter session, our student was pressed to come back under the Barth's roof and consented to return as a lodger. After two or more winters of privation and hardships he thankfully sheltered himself once more in the old haven.

The house was small and the circumstances of the inmates straightened, but an atmosphere of peace and good will guided their daily life, and both heart and intellect were warmed and wholesomely fed. Even Baby Tom preferred a picture book to a ball or topmost anyday.

Thus our student began another fall term in new quarters, dining with the Barths on the Sabbath, and boarding himself the rest of the week. He was a fine scholar. Dossy Barth told every one that he was the prize member of his class. He He was also one of those sowers who go forth to sow. He visited one of the poor districts of the city twice in the week. He taught a large class in Tattered Mission He gave Dossy verbal lessons in United States History, and, occasionally contributed articles to the latest monthly. Hands and head and heart were all enlisted in the deep interests of his fellow men. Proud spirited by nature, he was wonderfully softened and sweetened by grace. Prince and pilgrim were then combined.

Saith Thomas a Kempis—"He is truly great that is little in himself, and that maketh no account of any heighth of honor" and again," he is truly learned that doeth the will of God, and forsaketh his own will." Hayden Baxter's life was asserting the truth of these sayings of the quaint old monk.

Busily and swiftly the month of winter rolled on. By and by Christmas eve darkened over the city, over roof and spire. Mr. Baxter in his little study began to sing a Christmas carol and shoved Eminent Divines into the table drawer. Consulting his timepiece he found the minute hand telling a quarter of seven. Taking his hat he opened his door preparatory to setting out on one of his solitary rambles when he heard the coming of feet up the long narrow staircase, and in a minute more a delegation of two from his Sabbath School class confronted him. The tall, broad shouldered, genial teacher invited his visitors to enter, but the boy evidently had a duty weighing heavily on his mind. The "neat little speech," however, came to grief after the two first glib utterances. The speaker's embarrassment was pitied by his comrade who ventured an impromptu speech of her own to say "dear and good teacher;—we could not think of no other present and we all reckoned you'd wear 'em round in here," The gentlemen had drawn both children into his room—"We couldn't get no larger ones, but I reckoned they'd do,' and he produced in conclusion a broad and ill shaped parcel. It is needless to say that the ramble was postponed, and the two children spent an evening with Hayden Baxter never to be forgotten.

But the present;—it was displayed in the midst of the festive gathering the next day in the Barth parlor, and all agreed that the little people had exhibited an amount of sense and taste all unlooked for in members of Tattered Mission, and that, moreover, it was quite large enough even for Hercules. This present was a pair of huge slippers worked in black worsted. Upon each toe stared a tangle of the bluest blue harebells.

Baby Tom sank to the floor in raptures at once. "Sancho! they have outwitted me!"

With some anxiety the student looked down at Joel Barth.

"*You* didn't intend to present me with harebell slippers." The young man took from a box an exquisite water color of sky tinted, airy drooping blossoms. Tiny lettering accross one corner read,

"From shades cliff we come,
From grove of scalled pine."

This picture he presented to Mr. Baxter who returned in delighted astonishment "one thousand thanks."

"Five six hundred for dere" lisped the baby as he clambered on. Baxter's knee—clinching with one hand his tucked apron filled with gayly painted toys.

The daughter at Hampton did not come home this season, remaining to take charge through the holidays of three little Indian maidens, but sent mementoes to each of the household, most of them purchased at Norfolk. she wrote, which fact'greatly enchanced their value in Dossy's eyes.

From this time on hope and expectation set toward springtime. April tripped coquetishly along behind her boisterous brother, and then followed May flooding country and town with witching gold en lights. Hayden Baxter determined to run down to the Point for a day or two just to enjoy a bit of freshness betimes and alone. He communicated his resolution to Mrs. Barth, and a playful "fare-you-well" was on his lips when a boy lifted the gate latch and came timidly up the steps.

"Caddy is dreadful sick; wants to see the teacher dreadful bad, she does."

The teacher set his satchel on the floor and set off without a moment's delay. It was not the first time he had gone to tell the "old story" beside the bedside of a little child. Another day unhindered he journed to Old Point.

"The ocean old,
Centuries old."

how it stirred him, held him, fascinated him. There were as yet but few pleasure seekers abroad, and he paced the shining sands slowly to and fro, oblivious entirely of the near presence of one who also stood gazing far out upon the "gray old sea." It was a lady, tall and commanding in figure, a shapely head with masses of rippling hair gathered low in her neck, but the face he could not see. After this momentary glance he became again absorbed in his own riveries when a rocking breeze snatched the lady's hat from her hand and tossed it along the beach to Mr. Baxter's very feet. Stooping to the rescue he saw peering at him from the distance a bunch of harebells.

"Harebells!" he ejaculated. "O ye tribe of Flora! have I ever desecrated your groves or scaled your cliffs that you should so haunt me?"

But the lady approached swiftly over the sands and he speedily resumed his wonted gravity of speech and manner restoring her property with profound obeisance, a second later "Miss Comfort!" "Mr. Baxter!" accompanied with gleeful laughter. Mr. Baxter bethought himself of the package intrusted for delivery to his "great kindness"

The following evening he drove up to the village, and over to the Institute to give and to receive a word of parting in Hampton'e halls of learning, and some how as he and Comfort Barth stood between those old pillars facing the Chesapeake and one rosy hearted cloud pulsing with the dying breath of the day. Hampton and harebells and home grin into such dreamful confusion that to this day Mr. and Mrs. Baxter experience no little difficulty in stating the precise language interchanged at this memorable parting.

A Grand Reception at the Hub.

A grand reception was given on the evening of 18th inst. by T. A. Ridley, Esq., in honor of his father Ulysses A. Ridley, Esq. of Augusta, Ga., who is now visiting Boston.

At an early hour the spacious parlors were thrown open and in a short time they were filled with the elite of Boston. Surely it can be truly said that this was one of the grandest receptions given for a long time. The following is a brief sketch of the attire of some of the ladies who were dressed in a plain but becoming manner.

Mrs. T. A. Ridley, bean satin delyou with old passementerie trimming; Mrs. Henry Morse, a light brocade trimmed with triton lace; Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell, heavy black silk with black lace and passementerie trimmings; Mrs. Dr. W. Wells Brown, black brocade and velvet with white silk lace; Mrs. Robert Lee. Brown brocade silk trimmed with silon lace; Miss Fanny Washington, black brocade silk with Duchesse lace. Mrs. H. Jackson of Springfield, Mass. lavender silk, point lace; Mrs. John B. Bailey, heavy black silk with lace trimmings; Mrs. George L. Ruffin, black silk trimmed with heavy black lace with massive jewelery, Mrs. Thomas Calvin, black velvet and brocade trimmed with white lace and flowers; Mrs. Julius C. Chappelle, ashes of rose silk with duchesse lace trimmings; Mrs. George A. Glover, satin delyou with duchesse lace trimmings; Miss Frederika Ridley, brown satin with passementerie ornaments and duchesse lace; Miss Flouda Y. Ruffin, polka dotted muslin with bouquets and jewelery; Mrs. William Hair, black silk trimmed with passementerie and satin; Mrs. Samuel Marsh, black silk with heavy black lace; Mrs. J. H. Lewis, black bernuani with passementerie trimmings and diamonds; Miss Adelaide Smith, plum colored silk with cardinal sash flowers; Miss Edna Brown, black silk with polonaise of light brocade silk and roses; Miss Florence J. Smith, black silk with white silk brocade basque and lace; Mrs. Dr. G. F. Grant, black silk trimmed with passementerie Spanish lace and silver ornaments; Mrs. Robert Ransom, black velvet polonaise of black brocade silk with passementerie trimmings; Mrs. Joseph Toomey, of Baltimore, Md., black silk heavily trimmed with lace and massive jewelry; Miss Etta Cooper Brown, brocade silk lace trimmings; Mrs. William Jarvis, jr. black brocade silk passementerie trimmings and diamonds; Mrs. W. L. Morris, black silk with heavy trimmings.

The following were among the distinguished gentleman present: Dr. W. Wells Brown, Chas. L. Mitchell, Dr. George F. Grant, Messrs. Richard T. Brown, J. H. Lewis, Parker N. Baily, John B. Bailey, George L. Ruffin, J. M. Radcliff Hezekiah Henderson, George A. Glover, J. B. Morris, Horatio Turner, Ulysses A. Ridley, jr., Edwin C. Harrison of Ohio, Charles T. Harrison of Ohio, Joseph Glover, Robert Ransom, William L. Norris, Julius C. Chappelle, Wm. Brown, William Walker, John L. Ruffin and Henry Norse.

Gaiety at Newport.

A correspondent who signs himself "Visitor," thus writes from Newport.

Newport was never so full of strangers as now, from the most ordinary to the most elegant. Mr. and Mrs. J. Elias entertained their numerous friends again last Wednesday evening, an elegant reception being given at their residence on Eleventh street, their elegant parlors being elaborately dressed and brilliantly lighted with Chinese lanterns, flowers in profusion giving one the impression that they were in some elegant conservatory, the guests began to arrive about 8 o'clock and from that hour until eleven o'clock the street was lined with carriages. Among the strangers present were noticed: The Rev. and Mrs. Ashe, of Montgomery, Ala., Mr. T. J. Hawkins of California, the Misses Smith and Mr. Smith of Washington, Mesdames Glasco, Foster and Reeve Misses Julia and Maria Jones, Miss Florence Wilson and Mr. William Adger of Philadelphia, Misses Kate Brady, Ada Wilson, Emily Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Baxter Jr., of New York, Messrs Fowler, Johnson and Dorsey, of Lincoln University. At 10.30 o'clock all were invited to a beautiful collation. The tables were elegantly decorated and well supplied with salads, ices, creams, punches confectionery and fruit of all kinds. At 12 o'clock dancing was resumed interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The guests retired at a late hour, after pronouncing this reception the grandest event of the season.

Co-operation.

The co-operative system among the colored people and laboring people generally has taken a new start, and is spreading rapidly throughout the several states, We belive that Columbus, Miss. was the first in the field.

We see from the ADVOCATE of Washington, D. C., that a co-operative plan is making rapid headway there having recently started. Evansville, Ind. Kansas city Mo. Sumpter S. C. and other places have adopted the cooperative system among the colored people and all of them are hopeful. It is a fact that it is useless to deny that cooperation with its every phase is the only means of building up the Negro race in America and eventually place them on a plane with the most favored classes. The co operative system under proper management will create a moral, religious and financial sentiment among our people that will be of lasting good, Under co operation we propose to unite into one fraternal brotherhood the entire population of color, the farmer, mechanic, the preacher and the common laborer and all other professional men and thus united labor strenuously for the upbuilding of our race. We believe that the indications are favorable and that ere long the colored brotherhood will be united under a common tie, and push to success the great cause of redemption of our race from the chains of poverty, misery and woe.—"Columbus (Miss.) Tribune.

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The K. of W. M. in Baltimore.

A new movement and a wise one has been inaugurated among the colored citizens of our city through such leaders of the race as Bishop A. W. Wayman, Rev. J. A. Handy L. G. Griffin, S. W. Chase, C. R. Matthews, C. H. Gaines, C. W. Fitzhugh, N. Gibson, N. G. Burgess, J. H. Owens, F. J. Richfield, W. M. Mitchell, J. H. Bishop. It stated in this wise. In the year 1877 a body politic and corporation styled "The Supreme Grand Lodge of *K*nights of Wise Men of the World" was instituted under an act of the Legislature of Tennessee entitled "An act to provide for the organization of Corporations. Under authority of that act of incorporation a charter was obtained through H. C. Jolley Esq. Genl. Agent and Deputy Archon of the Supreme Grand Lodge of "The *K*nights of Wise Men of the World." Mr. Jolley is now in this city in the interest of this noble enterprise backed by the influence of such of our worthy citizens as named above. We must say that this is one of the most worthy of undertakings, and for the benefit of the many readers of the ADVOCATE in this city we give a brief statement of the affairs of the order. 1st. As a protective order. The Supreme or Grand Lodge through the subordinate Lodges maintains through a well established system a benefit fund from which fund a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars must be paid to the member or members of the deceased member's family or to be disposed of as directed by the beneficiary--the institution has also an established sick fund. 2nd. The general powers of the Knights of Wise men of the World are: To sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal, to purchase and hold or receive gifts, bequests or devises, in addition in addition to personal property, real estate in payment or part payment of any debts, to sell the same, to charter subordinate Lodges to make its own constitution and laws. Hence the establishment of the Knights of Wise Men—they have in this country 200

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LOCAL.

—Societies and churches wishing local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises, in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Mrs. Bennett is at home again.

Dr. Crummell spent last Sabbath at Alexandria.

—Miss Ella Braxton has returned from Norfolk.

—H. C. Jolly was in the city again this week.

—The school teachers will arrive in force next week.

—Dr. Crummell has gone north in the interest of his church.

—Wm. Murrell spends his leave in Virginia snuffing salt air.

—J. D. Baltimore proposes to give a series to lectures here this fall.

—Mrs. Wm. A. Butler has returned from her recent trip to the country.

—Capital City Lodge *K.* of W. M. initiated three new members Monday night.

—Hon. John M. Langston, U. S. Minister to Hayti, honored us with a call last Monday.

—Dr. Tachmyntis, he of the long hair, has been carefully boxed and shipped to Greece.

Mr. G. W. Renfro has been made business manager of the Enterprise Publishing Company.

—The street singers of African descent have begun their nightly rounds. They ought to be effectually silenced.

—Don't fail to get tickets of admission to the public schools at the time and place advertised in the daily papers.

—Rev. M. A. Hopkins, principal of the State Normal School at Franklinton, N. C., called at our office Thursday.

—Mr. Andrew Lane, formerly basso in the Presbyterian choir, has united with the St. Luke's Episcopal choir.

—Quarterly meeting and grand rally at Israel C. M. E. church last Sunday. Strange preachers officiated during the day.

—Asbury church was without an organist last Sunday Miss Essie Todd having been suddenly called away from the city.

—Mayor *King*, of Philadelphia, has been endorsed by the colored citizens of that city for appointing colored men on the police force.

—Asphalt pavement will shortly be laid on Vermont avenue from Iowa circle to R street. This will be of much benefit to the Fifth Baptist church.

—It is very credibly reported that a man who opposed his wife's going to Brook's excursion to Richmond, sold all the household furniture while she was away.

—The watermelon still holds its own as the fruit par excellence for the Negro. Talk about a failure in peach crops. The country is safe so long as there are "watermillions."

—Mrs. Wm. Murrell leaves to visit her uncle in Philadelphia to day. She expects to remain several days. She will find many changes since her last trip during the war.

—The Hod Carriers' Society here is mapping out for itself a grandwork, Other labor societies are in order; why not the colored shoemakers form a protective union?

—St. Paul's Lodge No. 1. I. O. of Good Samaritans and Brothers and Sisters of Samaria were at Asbury in a body last Sunday evening and the sermon was preached by Rev. Walker.

—The preliminary work for the new Bethel church goes on. The excavations are being completed. For several Sundays the pastor Rev. J. W. Stevenson will deliver sermons appropriate to the work in hand.

—M. M. Patterson appears to be doing well at Kansas City. His brother in law left several weeks ago and now he is writing very flattering letters to his many friends here, but he seems to have forgotten the ADVOCATE.

—Rev. A. B. Wilson has been taken from Asbury Mission and transferred to Maryland, and the Mission is ordered back under the care of Asbury church. Many of the members of the Mission protest against going. Trouble is expected.

—Mrs. R. C. Douglass has returned from Fortress Monroe much refreshed by her trip. "Bob" is carried away with his flying trip to saltwater. We reckon if he were to remain there a month he would swell to the aldermanic proportions of his brother John.

—The *Knights* of St. Augustine, No. 1, will give their first grand excursion to Richmond, Va. on Saturday, Aug. 27th, '81. The train will leave the the B. P. Depot at 10.30, p. m. returning leaving Richmond on *Monday*, Aug. 29, at 9.30 o'clock.

Round trip ticket, - $2.00

—We have received from F. *W.* Helmich of Cincinnati, Ohio the beautiful song and chorus entitled "God Bless the little woman" founded on an incident which occurred immediately after the shooting of President Garfield. The words of the song are by Howard N. Fuller, music by Charlie Baker. It is destined to find an immense sale, for it echoes the popular heart.

—P. *K.* Jones has been invited to take part in the canvass now going on in his state. He has consented to go down and help bring Daniel to judgment; he will leave about the first of September.

We are glad to know it; Mr. Jones has been in the work ever since reconstruction, and he can do much good in Virginia.

—Miss M. M. L. Hope of Richmond Va., is in the city and remains a week. She is the guest of Mr. P. *K.* Jones of Va., No. 936 25th street. This very accomplished young lady, has been on a visit to her uncle's, James E. Hope of Westminster, Md. She is now on her return home, to take charge as teacher of one of the public schools. We wish her success.

The system is often so rapidly reduced by a severe attack of Diarrhœa, or other Affectation of the Bowels, as to get almost beyond the reach of medicine, before the patient can realize the necessity of locking about him for a remedy. Better keep by you Dr. Jayne's Carminative Balsam, a safe curative for Asiatic Cholera, Cramps, Dysentery, and the Summer Complaints of children, and thus prudently prepare to treat these complaints on their first appearance.

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Lodges within the 25 states, with a membership of 5000. They have so far paid to widows of the institution $17,700. *Mr.* Jolley is now in this city and has organized a subordinate Lodge with Rev. J. A. Handy Archon.

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F. L. T.

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THE NEWS.

Scarlet fever of a virulent type broke out in the scattered hamlet of Poquonnoc, Connecticut. From one house it spread rapidly to almost every house in the village. In almost every case the disease had a fatal termination. In some houses three children lay dead at the same time. The entire village became wild with alarm, but not until about a score of families had been visited did the health board of the town (Groton) bestir themselves.

Postmasters have authority to destroy all annoying postal cards without delivering them, when so directed by the persons to whom they are addressed. The order should be in writing.

A despatch to the *Tribune* from Canon city, N. M., says: "A terrible waterspout burst somewhere on Gray's creek, whole sections of railway ties, with iron attached, were running in the Arkansas river, together with bridge timbers, huge pine trees, cattle and horses.

The August estimate of the Ohio Board of Agriculture, compared with 1880, is as follows: Wheat, 72 per cent. or 38,000,000 bushels, against 52,500,000 bushels last year. Corn 70 per cent., or 74,000,000 bushels, against 105,000,000 bushels. Oats, 107 per cent., or 22,500,000 bushels, against 21,000,000 bushels.

The entire business portion of Irvine, the county seat of Estill county, Ky., was destroyed by fire.

The leaf tobacco market is excited. The crop promises to be short at Louisville, Ky., the best burley sold as high as $68 per one hundred pounds, the highest figure ever reached. Green river sold at $19 and Clarkesville as high as $15.

Colonel McClure writes to the Philadelphia *Times* from Cresson Springs that a fashionable woman the other day, on the piazza of the hotel, publicly declared that she would not be sorry if the President dies, except for the doctors. In consequence of this brutal remark she has been cut by all the ladies of the place.

A despatch from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to the *Tribune* says: Lieut. Taylor had a fight in the San Mateo mountains, capturing the camp of the Indians and twenty horses. The Indians are in several parties and moving southwest. 20 Indians and 20 soldiers and citizens were killed.

There is no abatement in the drouth at Richmond, Va. Nearly all the houses in the city are deprived of the usual supply of water. All the industrial establishments depending on water power for their machinery have been forced to suspend operations, and it is even difficult to find an adequate supply for the steam engines.

General Leslie Coombs died at Lexington, Ky. He was born in Kentucky in 1794, and served with great distinction in the war of 1812. Afterwards he practiced law in his native state, and became a prominent Whig politician and general of the state militia.

Commissioner of Pensions Dudley, in reorganizing the force in his bureau, so apportioned their work as to bring about a reduction of the number of clerks and special agents, and the first batch were notified that their resignations would be accepted the 1st of September. This has created some commotion among the bureau employes, who fear that a still further reduction will be made.

Miss Thompson, of Baltimore, was robbed of a diamond cross, valued at $2,500, at Berkeley Springs.

Captain H. W. Howgate is to be again arrested, another embezzlement of $50,000 in government funds having been discovered. The arrest will be made at the instance of General W. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer.

Colonel J. G. Benton, Ordnance Department, commanding Springfield Armory, died from heart disease, at Springfield, Mass.

A movement is progressing in official circles to have Vennor, of Canada, supersede General Hazen, as chief of the Signal Service. Prominent military men and scientists are stated to be interested.

Navigation on the Ohio river is partially suspended above Cincinnati, except by the very smallest boats. Points below Cincinnati are served by boats much smaller than those belonging to the regular trade.

The *Official Journal* (City of Mexico) published the national bank contract. The trustees are Antonio Mierly-Celes, Ramon Guzman and Felix Cuevas (Mexican), D. Robert (French), Bonn E. Struck (German), and J. Bumajello (Spanish). For each million dollars deposited the bank can emit $3,000,000 in checks.

State Greenback conventions were held in New York, Massachusetts and Mississippi. Full tickets were placed in nomination in New York and Massachusetts, and in Mississippi a nomination for governor was made.

The railroad shops at Harrisburg, Texas, were burned; loss, $200,000.

Nearly all the business portion of Dangerfield, Texas, was burned; loss, $25,000.

The principal part of the business portion of the town of Arkansas City, Ark., was destroyed by fire; loss, $70,000.

A fire broke out in the wholesale fruit store of Urso & Marsby, at Evansville, Ind., and spread to the adjoining buildings, destroying nine large wholesale houses and contents. Two firemen were buried in the ruins. The total loss is about $200,000; insurance, $140,000.

George W. Riggs, the well-known banker of Washington, D. C., died in that city after a protracted illness. His bank is well known all over the world from the extensive financial operations in this and European countries.

Lively activity and extended arrangements are being taken by those having charge of the Yorktown celebration, with the view of making it a most successful celebration. The railroads centering towards that point are active in promoting every facility to warrant success.

Judge Lawrence, First Comptroller of the Treasury, has rendered a decision which he maintains that if a contract with the government is sold by the contractor the assignee itself is annulled, and that any person or party selling such contract runs the risk of obtaining no pay.

The New Orleans papers declare that the Crescent City has never known a healthier summer or more prosperous one.

The President is still in a very critical condition. Early Wednesday, August 24, he submitted to another operation, an incision being made by Dr. Hamilton in the glandular swelling on the right side of his neck and face. A small quantity of matter was voided, and immediately after the operation the President's pulse mounted to 115. It soon receded, however, and at 6.30 P. M. was 108; temperature 100.7, and respiration 19. During the day the President took considerable nourishment, and had no difficulty in retaining it.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The French elections resulted in the return of 279 Republicans and thirty-nine oppositionists.—It is reported that King Humbert of Italy will visit the Emperors of Austria and Germany in the early autumn.—The success of the ministerialists in the late election in Spain is confirmed.—The Federal Tribunal of Switzerland has received a threatening letter from unknown Socialists because of the action of the tribunal in refusing to allow the Socialist Congress to be held in Zurich in September.—It is reported that several "suspects" in Ireland, including Father Sheehy, are to be released.—The Land Bill has received the royal assent.

The Paris *Temps* says that the elections will necessarily result in the formation of a new ministry, with M. Gambetta at its head.—A basket left at a railway station at Birmingham, England, by two strange men was found to contain gunpowder and cartridges.—The Cobden Club will soon print a pamphlet to prove that the excess of imports over exports is an indication of increasing wealth.—The Conservative leaders of Spain declare their ignorance of any attempted electoral fraud.—Mr. Herbert Gladstone has been returned to the House of Commons by his constituency.—An official of the general staff in Russia has been arrested for furnishing contraband information to the revolutionists.

Two Russian officers were recently arrested in Galicia for examining the fortifications of Pryemysi.—Asiatic cholera is carrying off hundreds of natives daily at Bangkok, Siam.—Not a single Carlist candidate was chosen at the late Spanish elections.—The mangled remains of an aeronaut were recently found in France.—Arabs are preparing to attack the French and the Bey's troops in Tunis.

The Skins from which Gloves are Made.

The first necessity toward the making of kid gloves is, very naturally, the skins. It is a popular belief that no inconsiderable quantities of those skins are from the bodies of rats and monkeys. Mr. Cyrus Clark says that that is not true, and, in the trade at least, he is looked upon as an authority. Kid, lamb, sheep, and antelope skins, he says, are the materials in use. Even the delusion that the name of "dogskin" has any foundation in fact may no longer be cherished. "Dogskin" means sheepskin. There are technically in the trade Inocha, Mocho, Cape Castor, and various other names; but they all mean young or old goat, sheep, or antelope skins, from Europe, Africa, or Mexico. The finest and most valuable are kidskins, the best of which come from France or Saxony. Some good ones also come from Italy, but not many, as the people there do not take the necessary care in growing the young animals from which they are taken. A kid's skin is better while the animal is fed with milk than it is at any time after the first meal of brown paper, tomato cans, or even grass. Some growers ignore this, and hope to make up for lack of quality by size; but in France and Saxony there is no such indifference to the primary consideration. Another thing about the kid is that it must be reared tenderly, and not permitted to get even the slightest hurt, else its skin will be lessened in value. Singularly enough, a scar, the result of some very trifling injury, will be quite unperceivable in the dressed skin, but will show with ruinous distinctness when the skin is dyed. The mere scratch of an unnoticed thorn may make the kid's skin almost worthless to anybody but the original wearer. That is why hardly any kid or goat skins fit for American glove makers' use come from South America, Mexico, or other countries in which, although many goats are raised, cacti are plentiful and the people are skilful in throwing missiles. But those damaged skins go in great numbers, by way of this country, to England, Germany and France. The best of them are there culled out for gloves, and the rest are utilized for pocket-books, pipe cases, jewelry boxes, and a thousand other things. Here we want only the best and will have no other. That is also true in regard to the making of the gloves. Cotton is deemed good enough for sewing kid gloves by the best manufacturers of Paris, Grenoble and Anonay, but we require silk for ours. Over there some of the most famous gloves show the irregularities and lack of finish inseparable from hand labor, and the old-fashioned mode of joining the various pieces by prominent seams and exposed raw edges is by no means rare. Our fine gloves, however, are so perfectly joined that the seams are scarcely perceptible; the edges are bound in by an "over-and-over" stitch which almost conceals their existence, or at least leaves only enough of them apparent to be ornamental.—*New York Sun.*

Where His Glove Was.

The late Dean Stanley is said to have rarely made a gesture when preaching. One day after morning service he asked his wife if she had noticed the intensity with which the congregation had gazed upon him during the sermon. "How could they help it, my dear," said Lady Augusta, "when one of your gloves was on the top of your head the whole time?" The dean having taken his hat off before entering the pulpit, the glove lying therein had fallen on his head, and as he stood quite still while preaching, there it remained.

HUMOROUS.

Bread is the staff of music, as well as life; for does not the scale of notes start off on dough?

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and others write 15,709 words on a postal card.

There are about 100,000 Shakers in the United States, exclusive of candidates on the eve of elections.—*Free Press.*

"Always pay as you go," said an old Aberdonian to his nephew. "But, Uncle, suppose I haven't anything to pay with?" "Then don't go."

A recipe for lemon pie vaguely adds: "Then sit on a stove and stir constantly." Just as if anything could sit on a stove without stirring constantly.

Fond mother: "Is blowing a fish horn likely to result in injury to your boy?" "You wager it is ma'am, if he blows it near us and we can catch him.—*Boston Post.*

About the guiltiest looking people in this world is a man accused of a crime of which he is innocent, and a newly-married couple trying to pass for veterans.—*Meriden Record.*

One can't be too careful of firearms. A boy carried a pistol in his pocket, and one day while he was in swimming the pistol unexpectedly went off. He has no suspicions as to who took it.

Fenderson says he has lots of spare time on his hands since he began to attend exclusively to his own business. Formerly he was the hardest worked man in the city.—*Boston Transcript.*

Boy: "I want a cent's worth of broken candy." [He had heard that you could buy to advantage when the candy is broken.] Grocer takes a stick of candy, breaks it into three pieces, hands it to the astonished urchin and takes the penny. Business is business with that grocer.

How Men Become Insane.

The Hermit of the Troy *Times* writes: A large number of lunatics in our asylums are the victims of their own misconduct. Almost any man can make himself a lunatic if he pursue the direct method. There are hundreds and perhaps thousands in this city driving themselves to madness. Gambling, speculation and hard drinking will undermine the strongest intellects. A young man of my acquaintance has lately been sent to Bloomingdale Asylum, who was a few years ago so promising as to obtain an important appointment. He abused his position, wasted a large salary, became suddenly a gambler, and a rake as well as a defaulter. Such a course of vice destroyed his reason, and he is one of the incurables.

The same idea is advanced by Hogarth, who finished the "Rake's Progress" by the scene in the mad-house. During the last five years large numbers have been carried to the asylum, the victims of speculation. The love of pleasure and the haste to get rich have done a fearful work. After the intellect has been over driven it must sink, and perhaps remain in hopeless prostration. It may be added that the increase of insanity since the opening of the present year is of unparalleled degree. More than five hundred cases have been reported during this brief interval, and hence it is not surprising that the asylums are more than full. The attention of the public has been called to this subject by the press, and additional room must be provided. We must either abate that furious intemperance which is driving so many to madness or we must double our asylums all through the State.

A Plague of Flies.

On Sunday evening, August 7, a remarkable phenomenon occurred at the St. Louis Hotel, which is illuminated by the electric light. There was a sudden irruption of myriads of small flies, and they gathered in such numbers about the globes containing the lights as to obscure the brilliancy, rendering it necessary to substitute the gas lights. The electric lights being turned off, the flies covered the register and everything in the shape of paper, dashing against the handbills like a shower of hail. Some idea of the wonderful extent of the invasion may be conveyed by the statement that the flagging of the sidewalk became so completely coated that it became dangerously slippery, and the proprietors of the hotel had to send out porters with brooms to remove them. Window ledges were covered to the depth of a fourth of an inch with the dead insects. The little creatures had white wings, and as they walked over the paper of the register they looked like pale-colored fleas in a consumptive state. They were much smaller than the mosquito and somewhat larger than the gnat, resembling the genus miller fly, who enjoys flirting about a candle, except for their minuteness.

Advice to Girls.

Do not estimate the worth of a young man by his ability to talk soft nonsense, nor by the length of his moustache.

Do not imagine that an extra ribbon tied about the neck can remedy the defect of a soiled collar and untidy dress.

If your hands are browned by labor, do not envy the lily fingers of Miss Fuss and Feathers, whose mother works in the kitchen, while the daughter lounges in the parlor.

If a dandy, with a cigar between his fingers, asks you if smoking is offensive to you, tell him emphatically, "Yes." The habit should be, even though the odor may not.

Do not waste your tears on the imaginary sorrows of Alonzo and Melissa, nor the trials of the dime novel heroines. Seek rather to alleviate the woes of the suffering ones of earth.

It is now discovered that "Billy the Kid" killed only eleven men, and not twenty-seven. William was not of such industrious habits as at first reported.

(Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.)

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(Springfield Mass. Daily Union.)

His Answer.

They tell it on one of our citizens who was ambling toward his place of business, that he was approached by a lady acquaintance of the family, who said: "Mr. ——, I hear you are suffering from rheumatism, is it so?" "Rumor 'tis m'm," said our citizen of few words, as he proceeded on his way. Over in Chicopee our neighbors and friends have been having quite a time with rheumatism; but according to reports received by our representative the flurry is over, as the sure antidote has been used and thus commented upon: Mr. C. N. Manchester, Cutler street, says relative to his experience: I have used St. Jacob's Oil, and esteem it the best remedy for rheumatism I have ever tried. It acts like magic, and I cannot over estimate its value when I pronounce it the greatest rheumatic remedy of the age.

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KAHOKA, MO., Feb. 9, 1880.

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